Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Following the care label prevents shrinkage, fading, and damage, so clothes last longer and you spend less money replacing them.

2. Answers will vary. Clothes that are washed correctly last longer, so the savings add up over time, and well-kept clothes keep you looking your best.

3. She most likely washed it in hot water when the label called for a cold wash, which is the usual cause of shrinkage. Drying a delicate sweater on high heat would do similar damage.

4. She could have read the care label before the first wash and matched the water temperature and the dryer setting to it. Air-drying is the gentlest choice for a sweater.

Multiple Choice

1. B

2. A

3. C

Q1: It prevents damage to your clothes and saves you money. (Following care instructions helps clothes last longer and reduces the need for replacements.)

Q2: Use the delicate cycle for gentle washing. (One or two lines under the washbasin symbol indicate a delicate cycle.)

Q3: It prevents color bleeding from dark clothes to lighter ones. (Sorting by color stops dyes from dark garments from transferring to lighter ones.)

Matching

1-E, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C, 5-B

Match 1: Wash in cold water, the recommended water temperature. (Washing machine with cold water symbol signifies a cold wash cycle.)

Match 2: Tumble dry at the temperature the dots show. (Square with a circle inside represents drying, with dots indicating drying temperature settings.)

Match 3: Do not bleach this garment. (Crossed-out triangle with bleach symbol prohibits using bleach.)

Match 4: Removes more water from clothes and cuts drying time. (A higher spin speed removes more water from clothes, reducing drying time.)

Match 5: Treating stains before washing so they are more likely to come out. (Pretreating stains before washing gives a higher chance of successful stain removal.)

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Color; Fabric Type (Sorting laundry by color and fabric type ensures proper washing and drying.), 2) Shrinkage (Hot water can cause certain fabrics to shrink.), 3) Cold; air (Cold water minimizes fading, and air-drying is gentler on clothes than machine drying.)

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Maya could have prevented her sweater from shrinking by checking the care label before washing. The label likely indicated the recommended water temperature, and washing in hot water instead of cold caused the shrinkage.

Q2: Two additional laundry tips: Turn clothes inside out before washing to protect any embellishments or prevent excessive fading. Empty pockets and close zippers or buttons before washing to avoid snags or damage to other garments.

Q3: It's important to read the care label before washing a new garment because it provides vital information on how to properly wash and dry the clothes. Care labels typically include washing temperature instructions, drying settings, and any special care recommendations (e.g., dry clean only, hand wash).